



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: John E. Holland et al.

Serial No.: 08/957,431

Filed: October 24, 1997

Confirmation No.: 2082

For: **CUT AND PUNCTURE RESISTANT LAMINATED FABRIC**

Examiner: John J. Gallagher

Art Unit: 1733

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Responding to the Final Rejection of Applicant's Application No. 08/957,431, the Final Rejection being dated June 24, 2002, Applicant has filed the instant Request for Continued Examination. This is a Preliminary Amendment.

In addition, please provide a Three-Month Extension of Time up to and including December 24, 2002 to respond as provided for in 37 CFR 1.136. A check of \$830.00, including \$460.00 for the Extension of Time fee, is enclosed.

If any additional fees are required, Applicant requests that this be considered a Petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account 09-0528.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-21 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please add the following new claim:

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25. (New) A method for making an impervious cut and puncture resistant laminated fabric, comprising:

(a) selecting a fabric formed of high performance yarns, the yarns selected from the group consisting of extended chain polyethylene, ultra high molecular weight polyethylene, and

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